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TO AMEMBASSY MASERU IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, LT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF KING MOSHOESHOE TO US

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REF: (A) MASERU 0001; (B) STATE 50258

1. US FOREST SERVICE CALLED DEPARTMENT TODAY TO ADVISE THAT DESPITE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY THE LESOTHO EMBASSY HAD BECOME AWARE OF PROPOSED PRIVATE VISIT TO US BY KING MOSHOESHOE. FOREST SERVICE OFFICIALS AT EROSION CONTROL FACILITY IN ARIZONA BEING CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN VISIT HAD ROUTINELY MAILED COPY OF THEIR INTERNAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO EMBASSY AND LESOTHO CHARGE HAD PROMPTLY CALLED THEIR WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS TO DEMAND AN EXPLANATION.

2. DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED CHARGE TO INQUIRE BLANDLY WHETHER HE HAD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSAL, WHICH DEPARTMENT HAD KNOWN  
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OF BUT ABOUT WHICH IT HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING DATES, ETC. CHARGE WAS IRATE AT NOT HAVING BEEN INFORMED ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT BY HIS SOVEREIGN. HOWEVER, IN HIS RELUCTANCE TO ADMIT THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT ALWAYS KEPT WELL INFORMED BY HIS OWN GOVERNMENT

ABOUT SUCH MATTERS

HE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE DEFLECTED FROM REQUEST FOR  
DETAILS ABOUT EXTENT OF USG INVOLVEMENT IN PROPOSAL.

3. DEPARTMENT IS UNCERTAIN OF FULL RAMIFICATIONS OF  
REQUEST BY KING THAT PLANNING NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH  
LESOTHO EMBASSY. HOWEVER, SINCE LESOTHO CHARGE HERE  
TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 7 TO INFORM THEM OF  
DEVELOPMENT AND WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID ANY DISCREPANCY  
IN COMMENTS TO GOL, POST SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT  
DEPARTMENT TOLD CHARGE HERE: THAT EMBASSY HAD INFORMED  
US OF POSSIBILITY THAT KING MIGHT WISH TO MAKE  
PRIVATE VISIT TO US IN NEAR FUTURE, THAT NO USG  
INVITATION WAS BEING EXTENDED, BUT THAT DEPARTMENT  
WOULD BE PLEASED TO EXTEND WHATEVER COURTESIES MIGHT  
BE REQUESTED IF SUCH A VISIT DID MATERIALIZE. VANCE

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